By BILL OELFKE and WILLIAM HAMLETT

Hi, Gang! Hold on to your hats and pandas! Our team is off to a good year. It looks like our team is out to win the trophy this year. With four wins out of five games, the season seems to be going in our favor.

The games which precede this date will go down well on Pershing's victory record. We have the advantage of a good team and we're headed for the top, the list below will prove this fact.

On September 21st we topped the Washington Wolves 20 to 0. September 27th saw Pershing run over the Johnson Greyhounds 39 to 0. We played St. Thomas which wasn't a scheduled game. The outcome of this game was 13 to 13. But, on the dark and gloomy day of Monday, October 11th, the Deady Hornets sunk the Pandas 7 to 0. But cheer-up, bad luck didn't hang around long. We beat the Marshall Catamounts 14 to 7, and on October 27th we beat the Jackson Leopards 33 to 6.

The football team is doing fine, but what about the Sportsmanship Trophy? Football is not complete without sportsmanship and the Sportsmanship Trophy is not difficult to accomplish. Come on, Pandas, let's surprise all the other schools and win both trophies this year. How about it?

Here are some statements from the football players, collected by another writer.

Dennis Sheehan—If we want it we can win it.

Jimmy Hunt—Good material if we get the spirit to win.

Russell Venable—We got the material, we got the city if we want it.

Johnny Wukasch — If we play football, we are capable of winning city.

Ronnie Sanders—We have the material to win city.

Lee Raesner—Should win some games

Gus Koerner—Best team I ever played on.

Buddy Ives—We have a good team if we try.

Charlie Church—If we put our mind on it we'll win city.

Don Shepherd—If we win all we'll win championship.

Brooke Hamilton—If we all work we'll all win.

Andy Horne—Well! Well! Well!

Michael Bettis—Best team I've ever played on (also first).

William Hamlett—I think we have city in the bag.

Pat Webster—Injuries have hurt us.

Ben Jones—City team if we try hard enough.

Vann Phillips—Can win if we try.

Jim Crowe—I think I've had it.

Mike Williams—I think we pulled a boo-boo in the Deady game. You know, a real cool goof!

Stephen Kaufman—"Let's have a little blocking practice, boys." (Mr. Reitz).

Bill Yancy—"Major injuries and ineligible players hurt us."

John Stradinger—We need more team spirit. We need to want to win.

Robert Patterson—Great material if we try and have good spirit.

Fred Peiper—We'd win if we quit breaking training.

David Harris—We need to work harder.

Walter Britain—We can still be city champs. (If we want to.)

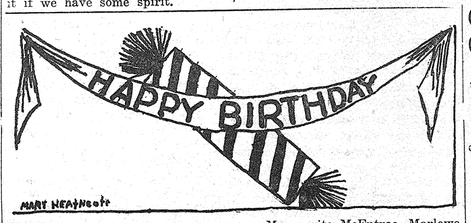
Pat Sherrill—In my opinion, we have the best team Pershing has ever had, if we can make use of the material.

John Williams—With lots of work and spirit we can win city.

Bob Nash—We have a city team, if we would keep our minds on football and get more spirit.

Steve Thomas—We can still do it if we have some spirit.

PERSHING CHEERLEADERS



October:

1) Patsy Buell, Sue Hancock, Dale McMillian
2) Harold Bickley, Robert Falconer, John Haverfield, Sandra Marshall, Harry McKaig, Frank Ladin, Karen Seffield, Philip White
3) Benton Brown, Don Davis, Frances Lloyd
4) Higdon Compton, Rene Ellen, Judy McLaughlin, Betsy Scott, Allen Weison, Henriette Weison
5) Vaughn Bryant, Weldon Morgan, Allan Peterson, Annette Sweitzer
6) Ann Burgess, Jack Coleman, Halbert Hughs, Rita Zal, Wayne Zakem
7) David Banner, Barbara Bates, Carl Faught, Anne Fisher, Douglas Miller, Larry Miller, Barry Weaver
8) Don Ligon, Phyllis Olive
9) Sue Busby, Kit Edgar, Janet Harbican, Andrea Mercer, Cleo Terrell
10) Mary Fatsch, Mrs. Madden
11) Judy Bowers, Ann Echols, Arlan Ferguson, Locs Mickler, Len Reese
12) Dick Cramer, Neil McGuiness, Susan Modderman, Sonny Nash, Jonnie Nicholson
13) Fae Grant, John Gray, John Gough, Robert Keenan, Fredrick McBride
14) Don Grimes, Patricia Neil, David Warren
15) Molly Ellis, Mary Klare, Tom Lee, Melinda McDaniel
16) Carol Ann Fitch, Robert Karase, John Parkenson, Richard Wade, Buddy McLarty, Cornelia Spinks, Sandra Whiting
17) Allen Denton, Carolyn Childers, Mary Engbrock, Pete Gibbs, Lancy Haner, Emmitt Woods
18) Sharon Chanslor, Dan Durst, Marguerite McEntree, Marlowe Meyers, Carol Willis, John Wright
19) Wayne Chaney, Tommy Darenau, Bob Gartner, Elizabeth Harmes, Linda McPheeters, Marianne Platte, Barbara Plumer, Perry Radoff
20) Sandra Ogman, Marla Kankin, Bill Wilkerson, Cynthia Blake, Lynn Clampitte
21) Fred Atherton, Carolyn Cotton, Don Gerrard, Charles Leslie, Sara McGowan, Bill Miner, Judy Reinhart, Deanna Schirb, Pat Settle, Donna Siever
22) Gail Allred, Judy Basgue, Michael Bettis, Garry Costilow, Betty Day, Toni Elliot, Camilla Gramp, Vila Hamrick, Fred Hippehen, Charleine Maudes, Jimmy Willough
23) Elizabeth Ewing, Deborah Ferguson, Bill Grote, Ben Jones, Robbie Juniel, C. B. Kysee
24) Judy Augsburger, Tom Gillan, Davis Murray, Lee Patrick, Janet Perry, Allen Smith
25) Jeanne Carter, Sue Ann Dushkin, Ronnie Kline, Richard Roten, Rita Steininger
26) Dianne McIntyre, Bill Reid, Ada Whitworth
27) Elizabeth Aliner, Jean Childerhose, Jimmy Deirlle, Robert French, Debbie Pancoact, Sandra Reed, Nelson Wolfe
28) Judy Baker, Myra Sue Efron, George Hite, Todd Johnson, Douglas Kuntz, John Heeron, Judy Sivly, Ann Stanfield
29) Trey Martin, Harry Westmoreland
30) Betty McCaskell, Karen uick, Nancy Sparks
31) Frances Barkley, Kenny Brown, Ann Cleary, Jessie Delgrado, Jimmy Edwards, Jerry Jones, Gary Morris Jr., Tommy Norris, Bobby Rammer

Cheerleaders Pep Old School Spirit

The cheerleaders and the football team are doing a great job this year and all the Pandas of Pershing say, "Thanks a Million." We have done real well so far, but we can still improve on our sportsmanship.

The cheerleaders and the cheers are going over great. The cheerleaders are Judy Mount, a member of Mrs. Moreland's ninth grade homeroom. Judy is five feet and has brown hair and brown eyes. She lists Gaylord gray, red & white, limeade, and chicken as her favorites. Next we find Dianne Frank, a member of Mrs. Barnes' ninth grade homeroom. Dianne is five feet, has brown hair and blue eyes. She lists Charlie, red and white, limeade and chicken as her tops. Then comes Jamie Holt of Mr. Thomasson's homeroom. Jamie is about five feet and has brown hair. She says Dr. Pepper, red and white, and chicken are her favorites.

Carolyn Craddock of Johnson's homeroom is five feet two and has brown hair and blue eyes. She lists red and white, potatoes and limeade as her favorites. Jane Yoder is a member of Mrs. Nelson's homeroom. Jane is five feet one and has brown hair and blue eyes. Her favorites are red and white, fried shrimp, and limeade.

Now comes Norma Adams of High's high nine homeroom. She is five feet four and has brown hair and green eyes. Norma lists red and white, fried shrimp and limeade as her favorites. Last but not least is Judy Strader, a member of Mrs. Miller's homeroom. Judy is five feet five and three-fourths inches and has blonde hair and green eyes. Judy lists red and white, Dr. Pepper and fried chicken as her favorites.

Steve Pierce Is Our "Jim Thorpe"

Have you seen "Jim Thorpe, the second" around the halls of Pershing?

He is Steve Pierce, who has been at Moy Military School near Castorville, Texas, for about seven years.

He was a very outstanding student. He received twenty-six medals, seventeen ribbons, a music award, a music citation, and four book awards.

The medals were principally for sports: diving, swimming, high jumping, and broad jumping.

He received the music award for playing the piano. The citation he got was for other fields of music.

You book readers will likely feel little after you read this. He received four book awards and read sixty books for each of them.

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What Does It Mean To You?

What does cleanliness mean to you?

You probably know that you should take your baths regularly, comb your hair, brush your teeth, keep your clothes clean, and trim your nails, but do you realize why?

The main reason, which is fairly obvious, is that people are constantly sizing you up according to your appearance. Let's say that you are trying to obtain a part-time job. When you go to see your prospective employer, he will have formed an opinion of you before you say a word. If you are neatly dressed and clean he will probably arrive at these conclusions:

1. The fact that you realize the importance of cleanliness shows that you are a person with mature ideas.

2. If you have gone to the trouble to clean and dress yourself neatly and thoroughly you probably will be willing to work and really be interested in the job.

This is demonstrative of the method by which everyone else forms quick first impressions of you.

Another point to be considered is the fact that if you have formed the habit of keeping clean and neat you will be inclined to keep your notebook and other work orderly, which will help you a good deal in classes.

So before you leave for school in the morning, check that face, that hair, those clothes, and don't bite those nails.

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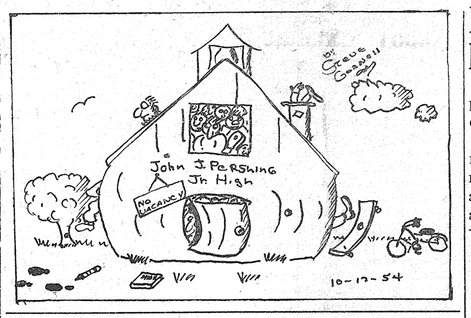

Even Larger Increase Expected For Pershing In Coming Semester

This semester Pershing's enrollment leaped to over 2100 pupils as compared with an enrollment of only about 1900 students last year. with a larger increase expected next semester.

The enrollment increase has been caused mainly by a large number of low sevens and a smaller number of graduating high nines. Pupils from out of town and other parts of town were also contributing factors.

The low sevens have settled down to their studies and busied themselves with the many activities offered at Pershing.

Many of them have joined the Thrift Club, a club solely for the seventh graders, while others have joined service clubs with pupils from other grades, such as the Student Council or Hall Patrol.

Other seventh grade students have become officers in their homerooms or classes. Orientation programs have been held for them in the auditorium, and they have been familiarized with the tradition of the school.

In order that the seventh graders might get the most out of this year they have a special counselor, Mrs. McKinley.

A series of homeroom programs was planned for these students. The first topic discussed is titled "Our School." This topic's purpose is to give the low seven an insight into the traditions, organization, rules. faculty, and grading system of our school.

The next topic for discussion is one of great importance to all junior high students, "How to Study." This helps the newcomer to Pershing find effective ways of learning junior high material.

Also included is "Getting Along in School" and "Let's Read." In the latter students are given chances to give book reviews and biographies.

"Worthy Home Membership" helps students in their home life while "Sportsmanship" helps them to learn many important lessons, as does "Personal and Public Property."

Then the topic, "Building Character," aims toward developing fine character traits. A good deal of material such as books, pamphlets, and plays are available for the use of the registrars.

Socially, the low sevens have been given a chance to grow by means of a dance held October 22, for seventh graders of Pershing.

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Pershing Teacher Bids Farewell, Accepts New Job

Mrs. Anne M. Hamilton, math teacher, said her farewells to both teachers and students of Pershing Junior High early last month before leaving to accept a new position in the Department of Special Education of the Houston Independent School District.

Mrs. Hamilton, in what is considered a promotion, left Pershing to assume her new duties, effective October 8th, teaching hospitalized students in the Shriners Crippled Children Clinic and the Jefferson Davis Hospital Polio Clinic. This new experience for Mrs. Hamilton takes her to both hospitals to visit 16 students, ranging from grades one to eleven. She spends at least 45 minutes, twice a week, with each pupil at the bedside, as well as in classroom environment.

Dr. Sadie Aaron, Director of Testing and Special Classes, said, "We are very fortunate in having Mrs. Hamilton with us. The qualifications for the position call for a teacher who is very strong in all grades and must have an excellent classroom teaching history."

She went on to say that her department was very happy and deeply indebted to Pershing for releasing Mrs. Hamilton to accept the position. She is one of four teachers to be chosen to help Houston's

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WHERE IS IT?

A great aid in locating lost articles is the Lost and Found Club. Sponsored by Mrs. Leggett, the club runs the Lost and Found department of our school.

The Lost and Found is located in the teachers' work room across from the auditorium.

It is open during registration in the morning, during club period, and after school each day from 3:00 P. M. to 3:15 P. M.

When you have lost something, describe it to the club member on duty and if it is there, he will give it to you. Remember that you must have your book number to get your book.

If you find something, do a good turn and turn it in to the office or the Lost and Found.

Patrol Workers For Goal Of Greater Student Safety

The Hall Patrol, again this year, is under the guidance of Mrs. Cornelia Smith, social studies teacher. The members of the Hall Patrol are around for your own safety and convenience.

There are 42 members including the officers, who are: overall captain, Franklin Olson; first floor captain, Bob Warren; second floor captain, Tommy Alexander; lieutenants, Paul Wright, Patsy Kleemeier, Dick Simpson, and Beverly Stovall.

The Hall Patrol is divided into two groups for club and homeroom periods. They will alternate from day to day and should be allowed to leave three minutes before the period is over and arrive three minutes late.

Besides the officers there are 35 more members of the club. These are: Girls—Karen Cowdin, Wilma Jean Dickey, Muriel Dorset, Sur Felder, Anita Kaiser, Valerie Kenny, Marilyn Pratt, Sharon Smith, and Cleo Ferrell. Boys—Allen Ahleschier, Tommy Atkinson, Richard Bass, Thorpe Butler, Henry Curd, Mike Daugherty, Walter Defoy, Harry Diamond, Blount Edmonds, Steve Gosenell, Tom Graves, Larry

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Student Council Plans Projects

It's not all work for members of the Student Council at Pershing. The organization enjoys several social functions during the year while engaging in constructive activities for the school.

Each homeroom elects one member, and two councilmen at large are elected by the student body. No more than two C's a semester nor lower than an H average in conduct are allowed members.

The officers of the council are: president, Bob Johnson; first vice president, Mack Kidd; second vice president, Delber Turner; third vice president, Anne Weaver; fourth vice president, Larry Moore; fifth vice president, Janet Perry; sixth vice president, Nina Faulkner; seventh vice president, Annelle Marshall; secretary, Lani Latimer; corresponding secretary, Rosalyn Bateman; treasurer, Jimmy Lindly; parliamentarian, Kenneth Carr; sergeant at arms, Jan Poole; an dhistorian, Travis Broesche.

The Student Council will, as always, have one big project. This year's project will be a $150 teacher directory near the bulletin board across from the office. It will list

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Library Football Game Kicks-Off Campaign Today

The library of our school will again this year have a Book Week football game on the bulletin board across from Mr. Ratliff's office. Every dollar given will mean another 10 yards gained toward the goal line and all proceeds will be used to buy more books for the library.

Every homeroom will be represented by a player on the football field. Like last year, there will be pictures of the cheerleaders and of our football team. There will also be a picture to represent our coach, Mr. Barfield. The game will start November 8th and last through November 12th. Let's all work hard to make a lot of money for new library books.

The theme for Book Week this year is "Reading for Fun." The Library Club will put up posters

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Pershing Spot Lights All "A" "H" Students

PERSHING salutes its 71 HONOR STUDENTS, with all grades "A" and "H", reported by the homeroom teachers last week for the six-weeks period ending October 15.

Pershing Junior High School has always been proud of the grades of its students, and this year is no exception. Our school is boasting an approximate enrollment of 2,187—1,123 boys and 1,064 girls. Compared to the above figures, 43 of the 71 honor students were girls and for some reason unknown to the world, the boys bring up in the rear with only 28 names on the list.

The seventh grade lads and lasssies led the school with more names on the honor roll than any other class in the school. The ninth grade came in second and the eighth grade also ran.

The number of students in Pershing who are considered Scholarship Students, with all "A's" except two "B's" is unknown. However, THE CHATTER also extends its congratulations to those students and a wish for "better luck next six-weeks."

In the ninth grade, these were the honor students:

Mrs. High's homeroom — Mary Ruth Allstoll and Lynn Collins.

Miss Miller's homeroom — Marie Tryling.

Mrs. Long's homeroom — Judy Grafius, Brooke Hamilton, and Richard Harris.

Mrs. Richardson's homeroom—Dianne Duncan, Martha McArthur, Joyce von Berkmann, and John Williams.

Mrs. Funchess' homeroom—Barbara O'Brien, Katharine Roshton, and Suzanne Robinson.

Mrs. Southerland's homeroom — Karen Lyon.

Mrs. M. A. Jones' homeroom—Sharon Langston, Jimmy Kennedy, Karen Kamin, and Loulyn Kelly.

In the eighth grade, these were the students who made all "A's" and "H's":

Dr. Koephe's homeroom—Harriet Schaffer.

Mr. Hansen's homeroom—Robert French.

Mr. Book's homeroom — Barbara Sinclair and Barbara Harkins.

Miss Hulings' homeroom—Sharon

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Ex-Panda Honored

Recently Ben Lanford, Pershing's American Legion Award winner of last year, won second highest scholastic honors at Kemper Military School in Boonsville, Missouri.

He won these honors in competition with 275 cadets and topped the dean's list of 50 cadets on the scholastic honor roll.

Ben, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. Lanford of 2927 University boulevard, was a member of both the National Honor Society and the Student Council during his years at Pershing, and was well known to many people at Pershing as a cashier in the cafeteria.